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S E C R E T ADDIS ABABA 4810

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF, EFIN, ET, SW  
SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST OF MEMBERS OF ETHIOPIAN ROYAL FAMILY'

REF: STATE 186387 AND PREVIOUS

1. ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL TARIKU ALEMU, WHO PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN TO US, APPROACHED EMBASSY AUGUST 9 FOR ASSISTANCE IN REGAINING 15,000 ETHIOPIAN DOLLARS WHICH, HE CLAIMED, AMERICAN MISSIONARY DENTON COLLINS HAD ARRANGED LAST FALL TO HAVE SENT OUT OF COUNTRY AND DEPOSITED IN TARIKU'S NAME IN AMERICAN BANK. TARIKU SAID COLLINS HAD RECENTLY PROMISED TO REPAY FULL AMOUNT, BUT NOW APPEARED TO HAVE DEPARTED FROM ETHIOPIA WITHOUT NOTICE.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO MEANS OF ESTABLISHING VERACITY OF TARIKU'S CLAIMS AND IS ADVISING HIM TO PURSUE MATTER DIRECTLY WITH COLLINS THROUGH LATTER'S STATESIDE ADDRESS. IF STORY IS TRUE, HOWEVER, IT WOULD MEAN THAT COLLINS HAD AT LEAST BEEN ACCESSORY TO CLEAR EVASION OF ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE LAWS.

3. INCIDENT IS PROBABLY TOTALLY UNRELATED TO THE AFFAIR OF THE CHILDREN, AND IT QUITE POSSIBLE COLLINS

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WILL RESOLVE HIS PROBLEM WITH TARIKU AT A LATER TIME. WE NONETHELESS PASS IT ON FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH. ACCORDING TARIKU, COLLINS WAS SUPPOSED TO SETTLE MATTER WITH HIM AFTER SELLING HIS HOUSE IN ADDIS PRIOR TO LEGAL DEPARTURE. AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY, HOWEVER, TELLS US HE CAME ACROSS COLLINS ACCIDENTALLY IN NAIROBI TWO WEEKS AGO AND COLLINS CASUALLY MENTIONED HE HAD LEFT ADDIS

WITHOUT SELLING THE HOUSE.  
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